

NEWSLETTER

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Construction continues at DPHS; student enrollment at all time high

If you have not driven by Deer Park High School, please do so. Wow! A construction crane is currently working to place the steel structure for the new commons area which is adjoining the theater and music instruction wing. Immediately to the west of this activity is work on

Message from Superintendent Mick Miller



new locker rooms. These areas are slated for completion in October and we hope to be using them soon after.

South of crane work is ongoing construction on the new library, special education, business education and counseling areas.

One is able to see the building take shape. The roof is almost complete and the interior areas are now framed. These areas are scheduled to be completed near our winter vacation and we plan to occupy them in early January. When this happens, the District is planning to remove at least two portable buildings from the site ... yes, we are getting closer!

Thank you to all our students, parents, staff and community for helping us get the school year off to a great start. We have record enrollment in the school district this year ... 2417 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) students! This equates to a head count of over 2500 students, which is also an all time record. Since the largest share of our District revenue comes from state apportionment based on enrollment, we have a little bit of relief in a very tight budget. Despite the large enrollment and school construction, we have had a very smooth start.

Speaking of construction, I would like to again thank our patrons for their patience during the construction of the roundabout at Crawford and Weber. This project disrupted the flow of traffic to our school last spring and this fall particularly on the first day of school!

However, the project is complete and traffic is flowing better than ever. Most bus drivers are reporting a savings of five to ten minutes each way ... this time really adds up.

Also, the high school construction project continues to make great strides. The students and staff have done a great job of adapting to an ever changing landscape at DPHS. They are able to use parts of the new building, but are also having to deal with construction noise, reduced number of restrooms, portable classrooms, cramped eating conditions and doing lots of walking! Completed areas are truly wonderful and we are extremely excited to have the project totally complete. The students, and community, will love it.



A view of the main entrance.



The south side addition exterior is complete.

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Superintendent column

Construction at DPHS did not slow down Homecoming activities, which occurred during the week of Sept. 14-18. We had a huge turnout at the tailgate party, held at Arcadia, and at the Homecoming Game. Our Stag football team helped out with a terrific victory. It was a great week at DPHS.

It is hard to believe that the school year is already more than 10% completed. Seems like we just got started. I have had the chance to be in all of our schools and have seen terrific teaching and learning. Students are engaged and there is constant activity. I hope that when you get a chance to talk with a school age youngster, please take a moment and ask them what they are doing in school. Don't take



Construction view from north parking area.



The new library wing and other classrooms in progress.

“Nothing” for an answer because it is not true. Please probe and find out what is happening. I think

you will enjoy knowing and I know that it is important for our children to articulate what they are learning. Please do take the time to do this.

Finally, we have heard a great deal about H1N1 (Swine Flu) in the media and we know that eventually we will have cases in Deer Park. Our efforts are focused on prevention. Please remind both children and adults to stay home if they are sick until they have been fever-free (without medication) for 24 hours. Also, basic prevention revolving around hand washing and sneezing into a tissue or sleeve can be extremely helpful. An H1N1 vaccine should be available in mid-October.

Again, thank you so much for helping us get off to a wonderful start to the school year. If you have any question, comment, concern, quarry, quibble, compliment or criticism of our District, please do not hesitate to contact me at millerm@dpsd.org or 464-5507.

Have a wonderful October.

DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL RENAISSANCE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Barrett Cook – Our chosen sophomore student of the month comes from Mr. Matson. Barrett is a dedicated student, friend and DECA officer. He approaches school and extracurricular activities with a passion rarely seen in someone his age. Barrett enthusiastically accepts any duties and responsibilities without any complaints. He is an outstanding young man who represents Deer Park High School proudly.

Selena Lewis – A tenth grader, Selena was nominated by Mrs. McLagan. She is very active in DPHS clubs and sports. Selena is also a good student. Recently, Selena was in charge of organizing the Barnyard Olympics assembly, even though she had never worked on an assembly before. Selena did a great job. She planned the events and was the announcer during the assembly. Because of Selena, it was a success!

Andrew Rye – Mrs. Goodnight and Mrs. Gonder nominated Andrew Rye. He recently helped Chris Cuttrel at the bowling alley. Andrew calmed Chris down and got his bowling shoes, took his shoes off, put the bowling shoes on and tied them for him. Andrew put Chris's shoes away and showed him how to do this. It was great to see. Andrew did this out of his own kind heart. Way to go Andrew!

Travis Simundson – Travis Simundson was nominated by Mrs. Swenson. During the first two weeks of school, Travis helped many of the foreign exchange students find their classes, explained which was lunch (A or B), and generally guided them to wherever they needed to be. Travis went out of his way to make them feel comfortable in a new setting and welcomed them to DPHS.

Jalynn Moser – Mrs. Demarest nominated this eleventh grader. Jalynn always has a good attitude and Mrs. Demarest has been very impressed with her abilities as a Link Crew Leader, as well as with Jalynn's willingness to help those around her. She has been helping an exchange student in Mrs. Demarest's class every day without being asked to do so. Mrs. Demarest believes these are all examples of Jalynn's kind heart.

Drew Acorn – Mrs. Frost nominated this twelfth grader, stating Drew showed school spirit and involvement during homecoming week that went beyond the average student. He shows enthusiasm in the classroom with his creativity and hard work. Drew is an overall great student and a pleasure to have in class.

Kale Austin – Senior Kale Austin was nominated by Mr. Widman. He is a nice young man who is always helpful. Kale will talk with anyone and helps students and teachers alike. He is one of those people who enjoys life and is great to be around.

DEER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary Music Program enters its second year with teacher Matt Kohlauff

Children in Mrs. Phillips' first-grade classroom are captivated by the songs and movements in Mr. Kohlauff's music classroom. Marching to the beat, students practice entering and exiting the risers and march around the classroom, something they'll also apply



Students focus as they clap to the beat in music class.

to entering the gym during assemblies.

"I teach a variety of basic music concepts like beat, rhythm and pitch through singing, moving, listening and responding," said Mr. Kohlauff.

He is also preparing students for a variety of performances including the Veteran's Day

Assembly and a winter performance.

Music has been brought to DPES as "part of our districtwide effort to improve music offerings and align our music offerings with state expectations," shared Kohlauff. He also teaches general music to two classes at Arcadia and sixth grade choir and band at the middle school.

Title 1 Orientation Oct. 5

The Title 1 Orientation Night for parents is Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6:00 p.m. Staff looks forward to meeting parents of Title 1 students and working together as a team.

ECEAP Ice Cream Social

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) celebrated the opening of the new school year with their traditional Ice Cream Social last month.

Fall Carnival is Oct. 30

The fall carnival is planned for Oct. 30. All children nine and younger are welcome with parent supervision. Costumes are encouraged. Children may trick or treat in the halls of the school, play carnival games, earn prizes and participate in a cake walk. A fundraising dinner is planned with meals \$4 per person.

PTO kicks off with special welcome to kindergarten families and other activities

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) started the year off treating kindergarten parents to donuts, drinks and a hugs/kisses candy bag with a poem during the Boohoo Breakfast. It was an opportunity for parents new to DPES to meet others.

As part of the Teacher Meet and Greet journey, kindergartners received a special book on their first visit to the library where they met librarian Brenda Wood.

The PTO has also purchased all of the books that will be given out during the year. The books serve as rewards for excellent behavior, progress in learning and other positive actions. So far, PTO has purchased books for I CARE assemblies and the Summer Reading subscriptions to Ranger Rick.

The first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting was held Sept. 8. This year's officers are president Rachel Harris, vice president Carri Breckner, secretary Cindy Erickson

and treasurer Colleen Wiater.

All parents and guardians are invited to the next meeting on Oct. 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the library. This is a great way to find out what the PTO is about and to get involved in your child's school. All PTO meetings have adult supervised free childcare. For those who can't make it to every meeting, PTO still needs help throughout the year.

Fundraisers

- The PTO-sponsored Fish Fry at the Eagles is Friday, Oct. 2, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Literacy Week.
- The Fall Carnival on Oct. 30 is free to all DPES students and families who are invited to enjoy treats and games. A fundraising dinner is a new addition this year, and meals will be \$4 per person.

Ongoing Fundraisers

- The PTO continues to collect Box Tops For Education, Campbell

Soup labels, ink cartridges and old cell phones, laptops and ipods.

- With SchoolPAX, the school receives cash back when purchases are made at any of the partner companies of Subway, Foot Locker, Verizon Wireless, Travelocity and 1-800-FLOWERS; the DPES school code is GDK7.
- The PTO also has 'Deer Park Schools, Where Kids Come First' license plate frames available for \$3. I CARE T-shirts are also offered.
- With eScrip, Yoke's and Safeway shoppers are reminded that one to five percent of the dollar amount of monthly purchases can be designated to DPES. Simply fill out an eScrip form (available at school) and a Yoke's eScrip Community Card in your name will be returned with your child and/or your Safeway Club Card will be registered with eScrip. Each month, PTO generates approximately \$80 from eScrip purchases.

ARCADIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Missoula Children's Theater's presents *Robinson Crusoe* Oct. 24



By Principal Bonnie Bantis

Set the lights, get the props, because *Robinson Crusoe* is coming to 'Awesome' Arcadia. The date and times for this amazing event will be on Saturday,

October 24, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Arcadia gym.

The children will have try-outs on Monday, October 19, after school, and then rehearsals will take place all week long after school.

Parents whose children are involved will be asked to

assist the directors during the weeklong rehearsals.

Be sure to catch one of the performances of the classic *Robinson Crusoe* and see what these wonderful Arcadia children can do!

The Missoula Children's Theatre company brings theatre to over 50,000 children in rural America every year. They travel in teams across the United States and Canada stopping in small towns and suburbs for a week at a time where they work with 50-60 local children to produce a play. Besides being a top notch

touring company for children's theatre, they also have a beautiful, intimate theatre at their home base in Missoula where they produce a regular season of high quality productions for the general public.



Thank YOU!

By Principal Bonnie Bantis

Norman Rockwell portrayed families, children and Americans throughout the ages in his drawings. Those readers of *The Saturday Evening Post* would have seen that Mr. Rockwell created something extraordinary about life and families (I am dating myself!) each month on the cover of this magazine. My mother said one time that she ordered the magazine just to see what Mr. Rockwell was going to put on the cover.

Today, if one looks at life in Deer Park, it can be a photo of 'America' too. The giving spirit, the care, and the concern for children in Deer Park is tremendous, and it is in this regard that I thank all of the organizations, especially Kiwanis and individuals who brought school supplies to the children of 'Awesome' Arcadia. We have been truly blessed with the generous donations from many individuals and families, and we all want to thank them for their kindness.

Thank you Deer Park for everything you do and have done for the students of 'Awesome' Arcadia. We appreciate you so very much.

'Awesome Arcadia' honors literacy and brings historical figures to life

By Principal Bonnie Bantis

During the week of October 26-30, Arcadia students will honor books and reading, with a culmination event happening on Friday, when all fifth graders will be the leaders as they present their biographies or as they say, "Boographies," of important people in history.

First, the fifth graders will choose a person in history to emulate. Next they will research and retrieve factual information about the character they have chosen and learn about the character (birth date, end of life date, family facts, and very interesting facts). Finally, the students will create a "Wax Museum" environment for their presentations. On Friday, the fifth graders will come to school dressed in the time period of their chosen character and will represent that person during the Wax Museum time as they present their character.

Each of the grade levels, as well as parents, will have the chance to visit the Wax Museum characters and learn what the students have researched and how they selected their person of interest. This event is a wonderful experience for the fifth graders as well as the other students who learn about people of history.

DEER PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

ASB officers will provide school leadership and have planned meaningful events

The DPMS 2009-10 ASB officers were elected last spring and were sworn into office on the first day of school. The officers have set goals to encourage school spirit, to encourage fellow students to take pride in DPMS and to be the best leaders possible.

The first big event the ASB planned was the annual Jogathon Fund-raiser on Sept. 18. The theme this year was "Running Through the Decades." The goal

was to raise \$6,000. Prizes were awarded to the students with the best costumes. The student raising

the most money will receive a brand new bicycle and will throw



Middle school ASB officers

a pie in Mr. Seedall's face at an assembly.

The student leaders are enthusias-

tic and highly motivated. They are looking forward to planning events that include a Toy Drive for the Greenhouse in December, a Spirit Week in January, several assemblies and a Variety Show in June.

The ASB advisor is Kathy Turner; officers are president Makenna Adams, vice president Zoey Mohr, secretary Rachel White, treasurer Connor Henry and seventh grade officer Carrie Jacka. The ASB Senate includes Devin Bachman, Nicholas Clough, Connor Fitzpatrick, Emma Keller, Madilyn Lee, Tara Losh, Chelsea McIntire, Madison Schuh, Savana Sitton and Katee Vanhook.

After School programs continue to get students involved

Deer Park Middle School is continuing to offer an after school program which started on Sept. 21. The **Stepping Stone Program** will run Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The bus leaves at 5:10 p.m. with a set route determined by those enrolled. Activities include the following: book clubs, computer lab, cooking, drama, homework help

open gym, tutoring, and several other programs the students will create.

Whitworth College students are also working in the program to support math, science and literacy curriculum in our building. Sign-up packets are in the main office. For further questions, contact Gina Keller at 464-5838 or keller@dpmsd.org.

Homework Center offers academic support for students

Homework Center at Deer Park Middle School continues to be offered after school in conjunction with our Stepping Stone after school program. The primary goal of Homework Center is to provide students with additional academic support and to help them with organizational skills. Thus, Homework Center is designed to help students get prepared, stay organized and experience success in the classroom.

Homework Center is available from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. A staff member is available during this time to help students with class assignments, special projects and make-up work.

Please sign up for Homework Center by completing a Stepping Stone registration packet available in the main office. Contact coordinator Gina Keller at 464-5838 for further assistance with questions concerning Homework Center.

Harassment, intimidation and bullying not tolerated

Washington State passed House Bill #1444, which requires schools to intervene and take all steps necessary to stop bullying, harassment and intimidation. The bill requires that all schools make it a priority to intervene and stop bullying and harassment that occurs in their building. **"We were just kidding"** and **"They were just being middle school kids"** is not an excuse for poor behavior.

Students will be educated on what bullying and harassment are and what steps they will need to take if it is happening to them or they see it happening to someone else.

It is a goal that DPMS is a place where all students feel safe and are free from being harassed, intimidated or bullied. All complaints are taken very seriously and every effort will be made to prevent harassment.

DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

ASB executive and class officers for 2009-10 school year

The 2009-10 Deer Park High School Associated Student Body officers were elected last spring.

Executive ASB officers are president Melissa Brown, vice president Morgan Perez, secretary Amanda Duncan, treasurer Stephanie Ruygrok and assistant treasurer Kalsey Moorman.

Senior class officers include president Kayla Moorman, vice president Caleb Morgan, secretary Brittney Burton and treasurer Lexie Schultz.

The junior class officers are president Joe Hilbert, vice president Lauren Powell, secretary Jared Attridge and treasurer Courtney Robbins.



ASB executive and class officers

The sophomore class is represented by president Bailee Jacka, vice president Seth Nelson, secretary Holland Baydo and treasurer Dayde Collins.

Freshman officers are president Angie Reardon, vice president Kellee VanHook, secretary Larissa Bitton and treasurer Allison Rummer.

PSAT testing information

The PSAT will be offered to all juniors on Saturday, Oct. 17 in Room 207 at Deer Park High School at 8:00 a.m. Sophomores with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will also be allowed to take the test.

The PSAT will help students prepare for the SAT, which is required for college admission. All students taking the PSAT will receive a free, personalized study plan for the SAT with specific instructions on how to improve his/her academic skills. Students will also be afforded the opportunity to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for academic recognition and scholarships.

Please contact Sherry Rollins in the Counseling Center at 468-3523 for more information.

SAT and ACT testing dates through December

Seniors planning to attend a four-year university next fall must take either the SAT or the ACT by December 12, 2009.

Registration for the Nov. 7 SAT is Oct. 1. Registration for the Dec. 5 ACT is Oct. 30.

Registration for the Oct. 24 ACT was Sept. 18 (late registration is Oct. 2). Registration for the Dec. 12 ACT is Nov. 6.

Juniors may also take the SAT or

Afterschool program provides academic assistance

The Cornerstone Afterschool Program began Sept. 22 in room J110 (Mr. Karas' Room). The program is available to help any student needing academic assistance in any class. Cornerstone will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and

Key Club shred day

On Sept. 11, a community shred day was held at Washington Trust Bank. Community members brought documents to shred with the first two bags/boxes shred for free, and every bag/box after that cost \$5. Washington Trust Bank sponsored the event and all proceeds went to the Deer Park Key Club. The community was very generous as was Washington Trust Bank. The bank also gave away free ice cream to customers. It was a very successful event with over \$500 going to the Key Club account to fund further projects and events.

Senior pictures deadline for Yearbook is Oct. 12

Senior photos and quotes are due to the yearbook by Oct. 12. Contact Ms. Hiltz at 468-3585 or see her in Portable P602 for additional information.

ACT. Various testing dates are offered throughout the year.

Students must register online at <http://www.collegeboard.com>. A \$45 registration fee (SAT) or \$47 registration fee (ACT) must be paid at the time of registration, and a debit card or credit card may be used. SAT and ACT booklets are also available in the Counseling Center. Contact Sherry Rollins in the Counseling Center at 468-3523.

Thursday from 3:15-4:45 p.m. An activity bus is available for students. Please contact the main office at 468-3500 for additional information or your child's counselor (Mr. Poland, 468-3527 or Mrs. Oviatt, 468-3528).

DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Thirteen Deer Park families are hosting exchange students for 2009-10 school year

The 2009-10 school year at DPHS is met with 13 foreign exchange students from 12 countries. The host families who welcome the exchange students into their homes and lives are generous and much appreciated.

Welcome to Deer Park, Washington and the United States



Deer Park High School's foreign exchange students

of America exchange students who hail from around the globe: Jesper Andersson, Sweden; Alejandro Canseco, Mexico; Asel Eshieva, Kyrgyzstan; Apisada Kittimunkong, Thailand; Johan Kraemer, France; Kimon Letzner, Germany; Jovana Mrkaic, Montenegro; Victor Tardelli, Brazil; Mark Ipenburg, Holland; Anthony Ulrich, France; and Van Vu, Vietnam.

Deer Park High School has new phone numbers

With the continued construction progress this school year comes new phone numbers for Deer Park High School. The main phone number to DPHS is 468-3500.

To report a student absence, discuss attendance or request homework, please call attendance secretary Denise Epler at 468-3501. Call and leave Denise a message anytime as she checks her messages promptly. To check your child out during the school day (even if your child called you asking to check them out), please call Denise on her direct line as cell phones are not allowed in the office. A phone is available for students.

To call for new student registration, request changes

to your child's student demographic information, request student records and/or transcripts, please call registrar Sherry Rollins at 468-3523.

Grade 9 & 10 counselor Mr. Poland can be reached at 468-3527.

Grade 11 & 12 counselor Mrs. Oviatt can be reached at 468-3528.

Athletic director Scott Carlson can be reached at 468-3509.

All DPHS phone numbers are available on our website at www.dpsd.org. Go to the high school link and select staff information. Thank you for being so cooperative during our phone transition period. We really appreciate your patience!

Special Olympic bowling team practices weekly at Deer Park Lanes for tournament

Special Olympic bowling began last month. Seventeen students have joined: Heather Anderson, Paul Brehmer, Chris Cutrell, Elizabeth Farrand, JayR Farrand, Todd Harland, Mike Hill, Matt Judy, David McBee, Alex Miller, Matthew Phillips, Levi Pierce, Jessie Ray, Andrew Rye, TyRae Sandham and Zach Timm.

The students will be practicing once a week at the Deer Park bowling alley until Oct. 22. The tournament will be against Selkirk and Chewelah. James Overton and Missy Selder are working with the students as part of their senior project. The team is off to a great start and looking forward to the tournament.

Ordering for caps and gowns on Oct. 6

Josten's will be on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 6 during both lunches to take student orders for caps and gowns. All items must be ordered at this time. Items will not be delivered until all items are paid for. Cash, checks made payable to Josten's, and credit cards are accepted. Josten's is accepting payment plans.

Class ring packets will be available in the Counseling Center.

Volleyball game against Riverside Oct. 15 to also serve as cancer awareness fundraiser

A Dig Pink Night for Volleyball is planned for the Oct. 15 volleyball game against Riverside. Donations for Breast Cancer Awareness from the Deer Park community will be made to The Side-Out Foundation. The goal is to raise \$1000 for the cause. Those wishing to make donations on our team's behalf who are unable to attend may visit https://www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/1652.



Jennifer Galassi



Amanda Peterson



Josh VanCleaf



Chad Hand



Jodi Root



Lisa Snyder

New employees join staff at Deer Park Elementary School and Arcadia Elementary School

Deer Park Elementary School

New to Deer Park Elementary School is first grade teacher **Jennifer Galassi**. She has been teaching for three years: fifth, second and first grade in addition to a long-term substitution position for second grade. Jennifer and her students are getting into the routine of reading, writing, math and science every day. She enjoys making their learning fun by tying what they do to songs, poems and games. Jennifer earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and majored in literacy and children's studies. Her hobbies are knitting, playing with her dogs and reading. Her husband is Brennon.

Amanda Peterson has also joined DPES as a first grade teacher. She substitute taught last year in the Central Valley School District and took two long-term substituting positions. For the past three summers, Amanda was a camp counselor for the Club at Black Rock on Lake Coeur 'd Alene. "Teaching first grade is a truly amazing experience," shared Amanda, who looks forward to teaching reader's and writer's workshop, math, science and social studies. She will implement a literacy backpack program to promote family literacy and involvement. Amanda graduated from Washington State University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Literacy from Eastern Washington University. Amanda enjoys being with friends and family, coaching, cooking, going to the lake, running, shopping, traveling and volunteering. She also loves to scrapbook, is a member of a scrapbook club, teaches the art of scrapbooking, and enters scrapbook competitions. Amanda appreciates her wonderful parents who have supported her and her dream of becoming a teacher since third grade. Her brother attends EWU and her family lives in Spokane.

Josh VanCleaf is a new second grade teacher at DPES. He substitute taught last winter and spring in the Mead School District. Josh worked for the YMCA for 11 years

as a youth leader and site director. He earned his Bachelor's in Education degree from EWU in December, 2008, with an emphasis in reading. He also studied psychology. Josh's students are currently studying the rainforest and will learn about insects next, in addition to reading, writing, spelling and math. He enjoys biking, fishing, home projects (especially working with wood), hunting, reading and traveling. In the fall, Josh loves watching football, and he and his wife Rebecca regularly attend the high school football games. They have a black lab, Tucker.

Arcadia Elementary School

Chad Hand has joined the Arcadia staff as the Student Learning Center teacher. He will also be involved with the high school boys' basketball team. Chad has been teaching for four years. He earned a Bachelor's of Education and a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Washington University.

Jodi Root is new to Arcadia as a paraeducator in Behavior Intervention. She assists Mr. Hand in math, reading and social skills. Jodi is active in both parent teacher organizations at the elementary schools. She has worked three years in the district, one as a paraeducator and two years subbing. The Rogers High School graduate attended Spokane Community College for two years. Jodi is a Campfire leader and a Sunday School teacher at St. Joseph's Church. Her family grows a huge garden and cans much of the bounty. She has two daughters.

Lisa Snyder is a new special education teacher at Arcadia. She focuses on reading, math and writing and support for science and social studies. Lisa has worked as a paraeducator for 5-1/2 years, four at Arcadia and 1-1/2 years with the Sumner School District. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Special Education degree from the University of Phoenix. Lisa enjoys reading and camping. Lisa and her husband Steve have three children.



David Beal

Brian
ComstockAngel
Hammond

Dawn Epler



Sarah Benton, Shari Emmons and Terrie Shepler

New staff members at middle and high schools, special services and transportation

Deer Park Middle School

David Beal has joined Deer Park Middle School as a science teacher. He has taught for 15 years, the past eight at Arcadia in fifth grade. Prior to that he taught sixth grade at Cheney Middle School. A 1994 graduate from Whitworth College, David earned a Master's Degree in Teaching. In 2008, he became a National Board Certified Teacher in middle school science. David is also a member of the O.S.P.I. science assessment leadership team (S.A.L.T.). He has three children. David's hobbies include building, landscape, remodeling, running and softball. He is an active member at New Creation Fellowship and teaches Sunday School to fifth and sixth graders.

Deer Park High School

Brian Comstock is the new high school band teacher. He also teaches at the Riverside School District.

Also new to the high school is teacher **Angel Hammond**. She works in the Alternative Behavior Intervention Room and has previously worked in special education and physical education. Angel is the high school varsity softball coach and JV girls' basketball coach. She loves golfing and recreational sports as well as watching her children's sports. Angel and her husband Chris have two children.

Special Services

Dawn Epler has joined Special Services as the district nurse. She will spend time in each of the school health rooms and be involved with various aspects of nursing care planning, health education and screenings. Dawn has volunteered in the elementary schools for the past five years. The graduate of Deer Park High School earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from WSU. Dawn enjoys biking, cooking, furniture refinishing, gardening, hiking and running and is very interested and focused on nutrition. She and her husband Scott have three children.

Transportation

Shari Emmons has joined Transportation as a substitute bus driver. Her primary mission is making sure the bus is safe for everyone. She enjoys meeting new people and raising her three children. Shari loves cooking and all outdoor activities.

Also new to Transportation as a substitute bus driver is **Sarah Benton**. She covers bus routes when other drivers are sick, on vacation or on field trips. Sarah drove a school bus for five years in California. The Springdale resident enjoys camping and hiking and loves to travel.

Terrie Shepler is a substitute bus driver in the transportation department. She also assists on the special needs bus. In addition to her transportation duties, Terrie is a substitute cashier in the high school lunch room. She previously was a home daycare provider for eight years. Terrie attended Spokane Community College for two years. She enjoys cross stitch, needlework and sewing. She has two daughters.

DEER PARK SCHOOLS

where future needs are met today

The Deer Park School District #414 publishes this newsletter during the school year to inform citizens about school programs and activities.

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DEER PARK SCHOOLS

October 2009 Events

All Schools

Oct. 9 Learning Improvement Day, No School

Deer Park Elementary School

Oct. 2 Title I Practice, Praise and Popcorn

Oct. 2 PTO Fish Fry at the Eagles

Oct. 5 Title I Orientation, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Oct. 13 PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Oct. 23 Preschool Parent Night

Oct. 28 I CARE Assembly

Oct. 30 PTO Fall Carnival

Arcadia Elementary School

Oct. 6 Family Math Night

Oct. 7 Individual Pictures

Oct. 15 PTCA Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 19 Missoula Children's Theatre Try Outs

Oct. 20-23 Missoula Children's Theatre Rehearsals

Oct. 24 Missoula Children's Theatre Performances,
3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 23 Pickles & Popcorn

Oct. 29 Principal Pride

Deer Park Middle School

Oct. 2 September Students of the Month Celebration, 11:45 a.m.

Oct. 2 Jogathon Dance, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Oct. 14 Site Council Meeting, 3:15 p.m.

Oct. 20 Parent Involvement Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 26-30 Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 26 Volleyball and Wrestling Begin

Oct. 30 First Quarter Ends

Nov. 6 Report Cards Go Home With Students

Deer Park High School

Oct. 1 Advisory Schedule

Oct. 2 FFA to Clayton Fairgrounds

Oct. 7 FFA at Whitman County Soils Contest

Oct. 10 SAT Test, 8:00 a.m., Room H103

Oct. 10 FFA to Spangle Gun Club

Oct. 14 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 15 FFA at Medical Lake "Blue & Gold" Leadership Tour

Oct. 16 FFA to Hauser, Idaho Corn Maze, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Oct. 17 PSAT Test, 8:00 a.m., Room 207

Oct. 20 FFA Adams County Soils Contest

Oct. 21-25 FFA to National Convention, Indianapolis, IN

Oct. 22 Advisory Schedule Today

Oct. 24 ACT Test, 8:00 a.m., Room H103

Oct. 28 FFA Whitman/Adam State Soils Contest

Oct. 28 FFA Chapter Meeting, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Oct. 29 First Quarter Ends

Oct. 30 Second Quarter Begins

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